

Early Learning Council

Executive Committee Meeting

Ounce of Prevention Fund, 33 W. Monroe, Chicago, IL

Ounce of Prevention Fund, 2800 Montvale Drive, Springfield, IL

August 31, 2011

1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

Participants

Chicago- Jeanna Capito, Gaylord Gieseke, Ava Harston, Harriet Meyer, Diana Rauner, Elliot Regenstein, Julie Smith, Teri Talan, Martin Torres, Kathleen Villano, Judith Walker-Kendrick, Karen Yarbrough, Sessy Nyman (substitute for Maria Whelan)

Springfield- Jan Maruna, Lori Morrison-Frichtl, Linda Saterfield , Cindy Zumwalt

Phone- Janice Moenster, Gina Ruther

Non-Participating Members- Awilda Adorno, Barbara Bowman, Mary Ellen Caron, Daniel Fitzgerald, Donna Nylander, Kathleen Ryg, Maria Whelan, Kay Willmoth, Josie Yanguas

- I. Welcome
 - a. Took roll call
 - b. Introduced and welcomed new members and staff
- II. Discussed application guidelines
 - a. Application came out August 23, 2011
 - i. Successful State Systems
 1. Unified state system
 - ii. High-Quality, Accountable Programs
 1. Licensed and license exempt child care programs
 - a. Cover all locations that care for 2 or more unrelated children
 2. How to target the hard to reach children and families
 - iii. Promoting Early Learning and Development Standards
 1. Kindergarten readiness assessment
 - iv. A Great Early Childhood Workforce
 - v. Measuring Outcomes and Progress
- III. Early Learning Challenge priorities discussion
 - a. Overall Strategy
 - i. Investigate best venue to make policy changes
 - ii. How to get parents involved
 1. Head Start and CCR&Rs

- b. Analysis of current State status
 - c. Benchmarking against national best practices
 - d. Data collections relating to criteria
 - e. Outreach to experts, stakeholders, and appropriate working groups
 - f. Short term critical projects
- IV. Timing
 - a. Application is due October 19th
- V. Process
 - a. Maintain the vision of the Early Learning Council and workgroups
 - b. RTT-ELC is only a slice of what the Early Learning Council is doing
 - c. Ideas should be sent to Theresa